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CENTURYLINK TO AWARD \$50,000 IN TECHNOLOGY GRANTS TO IDAHO TEACHERS

BOISE – Idaho teachers can apply for up to \$50,000 in grants from the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation to fund innovative technology projects. This is the tenth year the Idaho State Department of Education has partnered with CenturyLink to fund classroom technology projects across the state.

“Every year, Idaho’s teachers develop innovative ways to engage students and raise academic achievement through the use of technology. I am proud the Idaho State Department of Education has been able to partner with CenturyLink to provide more than \$650,000 in grants to Idaho teachers over the past decade,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said.

Last year, grants funded classroom technology to create time-lapsed videos in a science class, laptops and robotic sets in an elementary school, and digital cameras and other tools to help students create video textbooks, among other innovative projects.

“With technology now such a normal part of our everyday lives, teachers are constantly finding new and creative ways to use technology in their classrooms,” CenturyLink Idaho Vice President and General Manager Jim Schmit said. “This is a great opportunity for CenturyLink to help by identifying some of those teachers, recognizing them for their innovation, and supporting them with financial assistance to expand their use of technology even further.”

The Idaho State Department of Education began accepting applications today. Teachers have until **January 10, 2014** to apply for the grants. Grants will be awarded in April 2014.

All Pre-K-12 public and private school teachers who teach in a CenturyLink service area are eligible to apply.

If you are a teacher in the following areas, we strongly encourage you to apply: American Falls, Bancroft, Bellevue, Blackfoot, Bliss, Boise, Bruneau, Burley, Buhl, Caldwell, Castleford, Cottonwood, Craigmont, Culdesac, Declo, Dayton, Dietrich, Downey, Eagle, Eden, Emmett, Franklin, Firth, Glenns Ferry, Gooding, Grace, Grandview, Grangeville, Grasmere, Greenleaf, Hagerman, Hailey, Hammett, Hansen, Hazelton, Heyburn, Idaho City, Idaho Falls, Inkom, Jerome, Kamiah, Ketchum, Kimberly, Kooskia, Kuna, Lapwai, Lava Hot Springs, Leadore, Lewiston, Lewisville, McCammon, Menan, Melba, Meridian, Middleton, Montpelier, Mountain Home, Murphy, Murtaugh, Nampa, New Plymouth, Nez Perce, North Fork, Notus, Picabo, Payette, Placerville, Pocatello, Preston, Rexburg, Richfield, Riddle, Rigby, Ririe, Riverside, Roberts, Salmon, Shelley, Shoshone, Soda Springs, Star, Sugar City, Sun Valley, Thatcher, Twin Falls, Weiser, Wendell and Winchester.

For more information or to apply, please visit http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech_services/grants_contracts.htm.

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